

18 September 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Communication from the Bureau of the Budget to be
Presented at IAC Meeting, 21 September 1954

1. I do not believe it necessary for you at this time to take a firm position on the desirability of full integration of intelligence budgets; however, the request of the Bureau of the Budget is relatively limited and should be favorably considered by the IAC.

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2. The request is confined to overt collection activities which for CIA encompasses [redacted] only and for the Services, the Attache system. Even though precise answers are difficult to obtain, it should be possible to arrive at a useful aggregate figure. Moreover, by using this narrow "pilot model" approach, further examination of the feasibility of consolidated intelligence budgets can be had with a minimum extra burden on the agencies.

3. I believe it would be desirable to suggest either as an alternate to the Bureau of the Budget proposal or as a supplement that the community present a consolidated statement of the man-hour and total cost of the NIS Program. [redacted] the NIS Coordinator, is strongly of the opinion that approval of such a budget would go far to assist him in avoiding unilateral cutbacks and shortfalls by the producers. In addition the House Appropriations Subcommittee would, I believe, look with favor on having such a program presented to it as a unit and would consider such a presentation to be evidence of the exercise of the DCI's coordinating responsibility.

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